

PATENT  
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**IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Valentino MERCATI

Conf. 7193

Application No. 10/564,100

Group 1791

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Examiner Michael Felton

PROCESS FOR OBTAINING TOBACCO LEAVES WITH A STANDARDIZED  
NICOTINE CONTENT AND/OR IMPROVED COMBUSTIBILITY

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 25, 2010

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of September 25,  
2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.